

VALLEY BONSAI SOCIETY

SEPTEMBER 2016

Livermore, California

MISSION: To encourage and equip each other as we share a common interest and enjoyment of Bonsai and to encourage others to explore this art form.

[HTTP://WWW.VALLEYBONSAISOCIETY.COM](http://www.valleybonsaisociety.com)

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WHAT IS THE VALLEY BONSAI SOCIETY?



50 weeks.

Founded in February 2008 by Charles Harder, this organization was established to create a group of local Bonsai enthusiasts with all level of expertise. Many of us started by taking one or more of Charles's classes, some received a plant as a gift and some had been struggling on their own. We currently have some people with extensive collections; some have trained trees as long as 50 years and some are still trying to get a tree to survive

MEETINGS

The club meets at Alden Lane every third Saturday of the month at 2:00PM. Everyone is welcome!

NEWSLETTER, EMAIL LIST AND WEBSITE

An email list is maintained to release announcements and send out an electronic newsletter. Please send a request to be added to (or removed from) this list via e-mail to Charles Harder (bonsainut@comcast.net). We have a website! Visit us at www.valleybonsaisociety.com

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to anyone who shares an interest in the ancient oriental horticultural art of Bonsai. The annual dues are \$30 a year for an individual or \$40 for couples. If you'd rather not pay for a membership, you have the option of paying \$5.00 per visit. If you have questions regarding membership or would like to join, please contact Bea Bauerly (bb1727@att.com)

SEPTEMBER MEETING

The September meeting ended up as a workshop, since I was unable to attend. I hope that those who came to the meeting, spent some time on their

trees.

OCTOBER MEETING

The October meeting will cover pot selection; what shape and color are generally best for which type and style of tree. Winter is a great time to do some hunting for that perfect pot.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 8 – 9, 2016 Oakland, California

East Bay Bonsai Society: Annual show held at the Lakeside Garden Center at 666 Bellevue Ave. Show hours are 10 AM to 5 PM Saturday and 11 AM to 4 PM Sunday with demonstration and raffle from 1 to 3:30 PM on Sunday. Free admission and show will feature over 50 trees of various varieties and ages. For more information, contact us at ebbs@eastbaybonsai.org

October 15 – 16, 2016 Union City, California

Yamato Bonsai Kai: 45th Annual Bonsai Exhibition and Demonstration will be held at the Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church, 32975 Alvarado-Niles Road. Hours: Noon - 6 PM Saturday & 10 AM - 5 PM Sunday. Demonstration each day at 1:30 PM featuring Johnny Uchida, with Mike Baker and Tony Hayworth. Don't miss this special event. Benefit raffle drawing each day after the demo; raffle includes the demo tree. Large vendor and plant sale area; free admission and parking. Doctor Bonsai support will be available. For more information call Tony Hayworth at 510-289-5731 or bon-saicho@comcast.net or visit our club website www.yamatobonsai.org.

October 27-30, 2016 Sacramento, CA

Golden State Bonsai Federation Convention 39 "A Bonsai Convergence: Gather At The Rivers" Convention. Headliners: Ryan Neil and Bjorn Bjornholm. More Workshops and Seminars from: Kathy Shaner, David Nguy, Peter Tea, and others. Where: The Double Tree By Hilton 2001 Point West Way, Sacramento, CA 95815. Hotel phone: 916-924-4900 (*ask for the "GSBF Group Rate"*) For more information, contact: Scott Chadd, GSBF President at: 530-622-9681 or scottchadd@lotusbonsai.com. On-line registration opens on July 1, 2016 Click here: <http://www.gsbfcconvention.org>.

SENPAI CORNER

As I write this I am hoping that this evening will bring us a little rain. So with thoughts and dreams of rain; start to look at your collection and begin preparing for winter. (I know, we are still not there yet) however, as I pointed out in last month's newsletter, make sure you clean up any leaf debris and maintain your watering schedule. Even when or if we get rain, you will still need to monitor the moisture levels in the pots. Also if we do end up with a lot of rain (we can only hope) then watch for pooling or standing water on the pot surface. If this occurs, then elevate one side of the pot and realize that you will probably need to repot it come spring.

ELECTIONS

Positions on the Board are still available. Please contact Bea if you are interested.

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Thanks to Alden Lane for allowing us to meet for free at the nursery as we start up. Alden Lane Nursery has evergreen and blooming trained Bonsai specimens in many sizes for indoors and outdoor gardens. Stop in and let one of the Bonsai experts help you design your own Bonsai masterpiece from the selection of Bonsai pots and starter plants. They also carry Bonsai tools and enough useful Bonsai accessories to satisfy even the most dedicated bonsai tree hobbyist.

The nice thing about meeting at Alden Lane is that you have the opportunity to not only pick up bonsai stock and supplies but to shop under the oaks amongst one of the most extensive offerings for your home and garden. Inspiration and beauty abounds where ever you look along with the friendly, knowledgeable staff of Alden Lane. Don't forget to say THANK YOU for the incredible support!

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If you need to contact any of the above, please make sure to reference "Valley Bonsai Society" in the subject line.